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SUBJECT: UNESCO: UPDATE ON MASS MEDIA WISEMEN COMMIS-
SION

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1. LACK OF ANY APPARENT PROGRESS OR EVEN MOVEMENT IN
PUTTING TOGETHER THE "WISEMEN COMMISSION" HAS ITSELF
BECOME NOTEWORTHY.

2. AT LEAST FROM VANTAGE POINT OF ONE HIGH LEVEL
SOURCE IN SECRETARIAT, THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN NO
PROGRESS SINCE JANUARY IN SOLVING THREE FUNDAMENTAL
STEPS IN CONVENING COMMISSION: 1) THE DG STILL HAS
NOT BEEN ABLE TO SELECT A SUITABLE CHAIRMAN; 2) HE
HAS NOT YET DECIDED ON WHICH OF THE FINAL 6-8
PARTICIPANTS HE WILL CHOOSE FROM THE INITIAL SHORT LIST
ALREADY PROVIDED HIM IN JANUARY (AND "UNOFFICIALLY
AMENDED" WITH US ADDITIONS PROVIDED PER REFTEL A);
3) NO ONE CAN PLAN YET HOW MUCH THE COMMISSION WILL
COST, OR KNOWS WHERE THE MONEY WILL COME FROM
(THOUGH SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS
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WILL BE A MAJOR HURDLE).

3. COMMENT: IT MAY BE THAT DG'S PLANS ARE FURTHER
ALONG THAN AVAILABLE INFORMATION SUGGESTS, EVEN
THOUGH TO US TIME FRAME ENVISIONED FOR PROJECT
(REFTEL B) HAS ALWAYS SEEMED INCAUTIOUSLY TIGHT. IN
ANY CASE, SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN

PREPARING INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON WISEMEN COM-
MISSION ARE BECOMING UNHAPPY WITH DG'S APPARENT UNWILL-
INGNESS TO KEEP THEM ABREAST OF EVENTS OR INVOLVE
THEM IN A CONSISTENT WAY IN LAYING GROUNDWORK AND
MAKING SOME OF THE DECISIONS. WHILE THESE OFFICIALS
DO NOT YET INTERPRET DG'S BEHAVIOR AS LACK OF
CONFIDENCE, M'BOW'S SOP FOR MAKING DECISIONS HIMSELF,
AND ALONE, AFTER LABORIOUSLY CONSULTING WITH RANGE
OF INTERESTED PARTIES, CERTAINLY SEEMS TO BE BOGGING
DOWN PROGRAM EXECUTION IN THIS CRITICAL AREA.
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